

GOLD HUNTERS
OF CALIFORNIABook of Rare Interest
to All.Written By Thomas E. Farish, a
Well Known Resident of
Arizona.

One of the most highly prized Christmas presents received by the Journal-Miner manager was a copy of a book entitled, "The Gold Hunters of California" from the author, Mr. Thomas Edwin Farish, a well known resident of this territory. This little volume will be found very interesting to all old Californians, particularly, and to all others who are interested in the early history of that state. Mr. Farish went to California in 1852 when but a small boy and much of what he writes about was a matter of his personal experiences or observation. It is written in a very interesting style being in the nature of a narrative rather than that of a formal historical sketch, and is clothed in good language. Mr. Farish tells many very interesting incidents of the early days of that great state, many of them now reading more like fiction than facts. No state of the union has been so prolific in furnishing material for this kind of literature as has been the golden state, with its duelling code, its vigilance committees, its desperadoes and the rough element attracted there by the fabulous richness of its mines.

Mr. Farish also mentions the names of many of the men who were prominent in the history making of the state. The book also has special interest to the writer of this notice, from the fact that a portion of it deals with historical events and personal incidents which occurred during his residence in the state from 1874 to 1882, notably among them being the failure of the Bank of California, and the death of W. C. Ralston, its founder.

The book is bound in attractive form, in cloth, and is on sale in Prescott by A. W. Robinson; price \$1.50. Everyone who has ever lived in California or who in any way is interested in reading of the stirring times of the early days there should have a copy of the book.

LIFE'S BURDENS TOO HEAVY.

Prescott Woman Attempts Suicide
on Eve of Christmas.

From Sunday's Daily.

It is an unpleasant duty for this paper to give to its readers this Christmas morning the sad information that an estimable lady of this city yesterday afternoon attempted her self destruction. It was Mrs. James R. Sias, the wife of the abiding under sheriff of this county, who some months ago in a cowardly manner left his wife and two small children to the mercy of the charity inclined. It was due to this deplorable fact that Mrs. Sias yesterday endeavored to end her earthly career and it was further encouraged by the merry making of others while her own little ones and herself were deprived of even the necessities of life, while others were enjoying the luxuries of a better condition. She was simply in want. To this was also linked the sting that enshrouds her life in memory of the man who had so willfully and wantonly deserted her.

Seizing a six shooter she attempted to end her suffering and her sorrow, and had it not been for the motherly love of her little seven year old daughter, she would have accomplished the work of destruction. Mr. Saunders, a neighbor, was hastily called for, and while Mrs. Sias was in the act of carrying out her designs, this gentleman resisted her efforts and forcibly took the weapon from her hands. At this she became enraged, and persisted in saying that she would carry out her object anyway. To this end she endeavored to secure a bottle of carbolic acid, saying that if the pistol failed the poison would succeed. At this stage of the trouble Deputy Sheriff Joe Cook was called to the scene, and he deemed it advisable to take the

unfortunate woman to the court house in the sheriff's office. Reaching the bottom of the steps, Mrs. Sias' frail physical condition gave way and she fell in a dead faint. She was taken to the office, and Dr. Smith was called to make an examination of her condition. It was believed that she had taken poison, but this physician after resuscitating her, pronounced her illness due to the shattered mental strain she had undergone and her emaciated condition physically.

In the sheriff's office Mrs. Sias was truly a person to be pitied. Her sorrow found that expression in moans and tears that was pathetic in the extreme, and when her sad tale of life was heard and the bitter disappointment of her faith in the man who had so cruelly and unmercifully left her and her two little children was told over and over again, those of stronger frame all the more appreciated her sorrow, as the ordeal was brought face to face with all.

Mrs. Sias was not arrested, but on the other hand she was placed in the custody of the sheriff as a matter of preventing her from carrying out a rash act. Later she was again taken to her home and her children, and in a pacified condition and a hope from friends that her and her children would also enjoy the greetings of the day, as so many others are to do, and that her future welfare would find succor from suffering and distress, she became more hopeful for the future and promised her friends to face the ordeal of life as it was intended to be for her.

This lady is in a position that is indeed a most unfortunate one, and there is not a person who is acquainted with what has taken place but what will tenderly sympathize with her and her offspring. The man who has left her to the rough side of life, to submit to the indignities of asking aid and assistance, and casts her off penniless and alone, deserves a fate that only a cringing coward knows. For the second time he has performed this fiendish trick, and for the second time has his faithful wife submitted to the same ordeal she is burdened with today. It seems inhuman that when all things are considered why a man will commit a deed of this character. There should be an avenue to bring a man of this ilk to justice.

The woman should live, and the man should go by his own or by other's hands.

Evening of Hearts.

Miss Eleanor Sloan, daughter of Judge and Mrs. R. E. Sloan, entertained a number of her young friends with a Christmas party on Monday evening at the beautiful home of her parents on north Mt. Vernon street. The young folks played hearts during the evening, the first prize for the young gents being won by Ed Tomlinson and that of the young ladies by Elaine Wooster. The consolation prizes were awarded to Don Tomlinson and Iva Ellis. Delicious refreshments were served during the evening.

Those present were Misses Mabelle Hocker, Nina and Vera Greenwood, Myrtle Kerth, Florence Herndon, Doris Emmert, Elaine Wooster, Iva Ellis, Katy Burke, Edith Armitage, Maude Thomas, Duke Lewis, Hazel Martin and Masters George Thomas, Thomas Higley, Thomas Coleman, Albert Fern, Charles Hesla, Claude Bate, Walter Doudna, Arthur Calles, Raymond Belcher, Albert Meutachikoff, Ernest Calder, Shirley Wetmore, Chaimier Powell and Ed and Don Tomlinson.

Palace Employees Nicely Treated.

An act of consideration that is generally being commented on during these days of fellowship and good will is that brought to our attention by the many who are affected by it. It is that of the generosity being shown this week by the Palace toward their employees. Each man engaged in one pursuit or another in that well known hostelry, and they number forty six, are the recipients of double wages from the morning of Christmas to the morning of the new year. In consequence everybody in that house is stepping high and some of them are flying high accordingly, financially speaking. Brow, Belcher and Smith are an old time trinity of good fellows. They say that it is too late in the day to switch, and their employees are very appreciative of the kindness extended.

HOME MADE CANDY.

Home made taffies, peanut, vanilla, cocoanut, molasses, tress daily. Special in candy canes and large sticks at Mansfield & Nolans.

WINTER STORMS
BEGIN IN EARNESTFury of Bad Weather
Turns Loose Early
This Winter.The Usual Cold Weather Prevails
in Kansas, and Travel and Communication is Interfered With.
Situation Generally in the West

Topeka, Dec. 27.—Reports from western and central Kansas tonight say the temperature is steadily falling, being near zero all day. It will probably reach ten below before morning. The snow is piled in drifts and much loss is reported among cattle on the plains. All railroad traffic is delayed, nearly all trains being hours behind time. The telegraph companies are having much trouble with the wire, especially west of here.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—One of the severest storms in recent years has raged through the territory lying between the Rocky Mountains and the great lakes since early this morning and has caused much trouble to street cars, railroads, and the telegraph companies. The latter are the greatest sufferers from the blizzard which swept through the west and northwest during the past twenty four hours and which was preceded by a heavy fog and a drizzling rain, making the wires almost unworkable. The intense cold and the terrific gale that followed close upon fog coated the wires with ice and the later in the day bore the poles to the ground, crippling the company's seriously. The railroads are badly delayed all through the west, some of them being twenty four hours late. Street car traffic in all cities of the west and northwest was practically at a standstill at some time during the day. In its extent the storm is the most widespread of any during the last fifteen years. Counting the fog as a component part of the storm, it is strung from the Rockies to New York and from Winnipeg to New Orleans. At 10 o'clock tonight the storm is reported as abating at Kansas City and at other points in the north and south line from that city and it will be several days before normal conditions are restored throughout the entire section.

At Chicago and to the east the storm is still raging with great violence and is expected to continue through the night, the center of disturbance being Chicago and Cleveland. Reports from Kansas City early in the day were that the storm extended from the middle of Missouri as far south as the Indian territory and was accompanied throughout its entire extent by heavy winds and snow which on a level would have been about a foot deep. It was drifting so badly by the gale, however, that in nearly all cities of Nebraska, Kansas and western Missouri street car traffic was at a standstill by noon. The storm by noon had reached eastern Missouri and the temperature at St. Louis went down 20 degrees in two hours, while the wind was blowing forty miles an hour, it piled snow up in the streets in great drifts. It was found possible to keep the cars running, although the havoc was wrought with the telegraph and telephone wires. At Omaha in the morning conditions were similar to those at Kansas City and both places were in bad shape during the day. Before daylight most of the down town electric light circuits in Omaha went out of business and the outlying districts are without lights. All over the western states the storm increased with violence throughout the morning and at noon was raging with great fury. All trains in these sections are reported at from one to six hours late and are still losing time.

Internal Strife in Russia.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 26.—While the new mobilization is proceeding quietly at most places, disorders are reported in Poland. The most serious distur-

bance was at Razon yesterday, where one colonel was killed and a gendarme was wounded. There also has been much rioting at Bakhout, where six thousand conscripts pillaged a few houses and fruit stalls. No one was killed, however. The emperor has his personal aides de camp at all of the mobilization centers in order to see that everything is done for the inhabitants and the conscripts and to obtain immediate reports of any disturbance.

M. Witte seems again to be in high favor with the emperor and is almost a daily visitor to the Tsarkoe palace. The Zemstvos generally are increasing and the budgets is from thirty to thirty five per cent more in order to meet the increased demand for red cross work and for the relief of the reserves. There seems to be no evidence of a cessation of the agitation in the different parts of the country in favor of liberal reforms. The situation is most acute in Moscow, where the university is closed and the students and other societies are in a state of constant ferment.

An imperial ukase issued tonight makes decidedly liberal promises under a number of heads. It promises an equal and full enforcement of existing laws, assures the Zemstvos of the fullest possible measure of self government and the enforcement laws now existing in their behalf, promulgates a scheme of working men's insurance, extends the liberty of the press and promises a full legal trial to all persons accused. The document deals under eight heads with practically all of the subjects brought to the emperor's attention by a memorial of the congress of the Zemstvos president held here last month and while not specifically pledging the government to carry out the various reforms in their entirety as demanded by the memorial, it promises that each shall be referred to a council of ministers with orders to report promptly on the fullest measure the relief which can be accorded on the various subjects. One question not touched by Ukase is that of the constitutional assembly. Neither is the Jewish religion specifically mentioned, though the freedom of all creeds, or descent, whether Christian or otherwise, is among the subjects which are dealt with.

The various subjects will be referred to a committee for an early report.

WATCHED MANAGER WRIGHT.

Employees of the Prescott Electric
Co. Spring a Happy Surprise
on the Manager.

Saturday a number of the employees of the Prescott Electric company surrounded General Manager Frank L. Wright in his private office and when his assistant Mr. C. C. Glass, as spokesman commenced to refer to the close of the year and the holiday season, Wright turned pale at the momentary evidence of having to fill some thirty odd positions of trust or run the shop alone, but as the speaker continued and dwelt upon the harmony that had prevailed among the employees during the past year and the universal esteem with which the employees regarded their manager and their happiness at being in his employ F. L. commenced to regain his breath only to have it completely knocked out of him when Glass brought forth an elegant gold watch and handed it to Mr. Wright as a Christmas gift from all of the employees. Wright finally found his voice and most heartily expressed his appreciation of the spirit and thoughtfulness that prompted this evidence of high esteem. Manager Wright is justly proud of this magnificent time piece which is a twenty one jewel Swiss movement of beautiful design and workmanship. On the inside of case is engraved "Frank L. Wright, from employees of Prescott Electric Co. Christmas 1904" with his initials in monogram on the back.

Sam Pattee has been tendered and will qualify as the assistant district attorney of this county under E. E. Ellinwood. In past years Mr. Pattee was in a similar position, and the diligent and learned manner in which he handled that duty won for him the regard of all people. The incoming administration of this office has to consider the relations of all people, and at this particular time there are many questions of a deep official nature which must be solved by the new regime, and in the disposition of which the taxpayer expresses a decidedly keen interest. Mr. Ellinwood enjoys a good name with the people, and that he is a capable lawyer none deny. The two men above should make a good legal team.

RUNNING DOWN
THE LAND FRAUDSAnother Batch of Tricksters
Are Shown Up.Prominent Oregonians Are in the
Latest Mixup, and the Grand Jury
Works Fearlessly to Expose All
Rottenness of the Deal.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 27.—The federal grand jury today returned seven indictments in connection with the land frauds of cases now under investigation. A large number of prominent men and three of the number with the mysterious "John Doe" indictments make today's developments the most sensational since the jury reconvened in the present session. The most important of the indictments is against Dr. Wm. H. Davis, mayor of Albany, Ore. The others are of Salmon Ormsby, a former government land agent; Clark E. Loomis, at one time a forest superintendent; Henry A. Young and George Sorenson. The indictment states there are two others, John Doe and Richard Roe implicated, whose true names the jury does not know. It will be recalled that one of the two mysterious persons who figured prominently in the indictment returned against was State Senator F. P. Mays last week.

United States Senator Mitchell today appeared at the door of the grand jury room and handed to the foreman a letter asking that he be allowed to appear before the jury, and answer all questions which might be put to him in regard to his complicity in any fraud or conspiracy in the land cases, but making the condition that he be presented with the case against him together with the names of witnesses testifying to his detriment. The jury considered the letter, but did not call upon the senator to appear before it today.

PRINTERS' CHRISTMAS TREE.

The following is a partial list of presents that dangled from the Typographical Christmas tree last evening: Frank Siegel Jackson—Skeleton of Thumb Butte when it was three years old, collected by himself a few minutes afterward.

George Ward—Valuable shooting iron for the constable elect.

Lu. R. Barrow—A reminder of "the difference in the morning."

Colonel Rogers—Memento of a Pleasant Dream.

Jersey Gilmore—Large box of De Stinko Cigars.

Prof. Eller, leader of the band—Beautiful and valuable music box. It plays one tune with variations.

Wm. O'Grady—Supply of hats and new pipe from the city Health Officer.

George Mayer—Phonograph.

Henry Stuthman—Weiner Wurst pin cushion.

Barney O'Smith—Hort Air Balloon.

Frank Mansfield—Hole in a dough nut.

Billy Darrow—Round trip ticket to Durango, Colo.

F. R. Stewart—Obituary of his favorite enemy.

D. D. McDonald—Pinkerton rat trap.

Frank DeSouza—Order for a new lid on Fred Roemer.

Instructive Entertainment.

It is with sincere pleasure that we are able to congratulate the people of Prescott on having the opportunity to hear the Burton Holmes Travelogues, which are to be given the last of next week. It is time that Prescott should have its share of the first class entertainments and the people who are responsible for bringing Mr. Holmes here should be loyally supported in this first effort to supply that need. The following extract from the Chicago Tribune will show the class of entertainment which is being provided:

"Yesterday afternoon, in the Auditorium, Burton Holmes gave the last travelogue in the series he is offering this season. The series has been the most successful in every way that he has ever had in Chicago. Twice a week for the past five weeks an audience

numbering close on 3,000 persons has been present in the Auditorium to listen to him. The patronage has been truly remarkable and shows conclusively how abundant is the favor Mr. Holmes now enjoys at the public's hands. His talks have been of even greater worth than in the past. He has lectured with more of fluency and ease, his illustrations have been of rare beauty and interest, and in every instance the travelogue has been characterized by an exceptionally fine blending of the entertaining, the picturesque and the instructive."

We have already seen the program of the two travelogues to be given here—"The Russian Empire" and "Japan" and what with the lecture, the stereopticon views, the colored panoramas and the large number of motion pictures—twenty to twenty five in each lecture—showing life and scenes in these countries, scenes which the most of us will never have the opportunity to see otherwise. We consider the enterprise worthy of the most liberal patronage.

The City Ballots.

The Journal-Miner job force is at work printing the great register of the city. The register contains 1435 names.

There will be three tickets printed on the ballots at the coming city election. They will be designated as the "Citizens," "Progressive" and "Merchants" respectively. The Citizens' ticket is as follows:

Mayor—Morris Goldwater.
Councilmen—B. M. Belcher and W. T. Brown.

Assessor and Tax Collector—Frank C. Williams.

Chief of Police—S. A. Prince.

Treasurer—Henry Hartin.

Recorder—C. H. McLane.

The Progressive ticket contains the names of the same candidates for mayor and councilmen and Frank L. Burns for chief of police, the other places on the ticket being left blank.

The Merchants' ticket is the same as the last named except as to assessor and chief of police. Frank Williams being down for the former position and M. J. Cox for the latter.

Under the provision of law providing for printing ballots it is necessary to print over 7,000 ballots to accommodate the 1435 voters, or five ballots to each voter.

Out of the 1435 voters registered probably 1200 votes will be polled.

The registration is nearly 100 more than two years ago.

Electric Power Company.

Samuel C. Symonds, an old resident of the Salt river valley is in Prescott, representing the Verde Water and Power company, securing estimates of the probable amount of electric power that can be disposed of among the mining companies of this county. The above company is more generally known as the Hudson irrigation enterprise. The location of the proposed reservoir is on the Verde river and the company was originally organized for the purpose of storing water for irrigation. While this purpose has not been changed, the question of developing electric power has been added to it.

It is proposed to carry the water a certain distance below the site of the reservoir and dam and turn it over a 300 foot precipice or fall for generating electricity which it is proposed to distribute to the mines of Yavapai and Gila counties, the estimated power which can be produced being 27,000 horse power.

Mr. Symonds has employed H. C. Friedman to assist him in his investigations in this county and they will proceed in a day or two to the various mining districts in the county. It will take them probably a month or more to make the investigations desired.

The Humor in Hymns.

When Burton Holmes, the lecturer, was in England the past summer, he visited a famous prison. He was there on Sunday and attended the church services. The prisoners were permitted to select the hymns that they were to sing, and Mr. Holmes said that they threw much feeling into "Free from the Law, Oh Happy Condition."

The last hymn was "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." This seemed curious to the visitor, especially as he noticed that many of the convicts smiled broadly while singing. He inquired about the song, and the warden explained that a prisoner who had been there for years was to be discharged the next day.